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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to the examination thereof.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-36.

Please add the following new claim 37:

- 1 37. (New) A direct oxidation fuel cell, comprising  
A<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup> (A) a catalyzed membrane electrolyte, having an anode aspect and a cathode as-  
3 pect;